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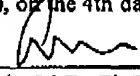
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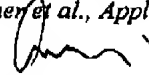
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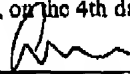
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final office action mailed October 6, 2003 (Paper No. 34) in the above-captioned patent application. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the office action. A petition for a one-month extension of time, up to and including February 6, 2004, along with authorization to charge the required fee to the account of the undersigned, is filed herewith. This response is thus timely filed.

Please amend the application as indicated below.

Amended claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 14.

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